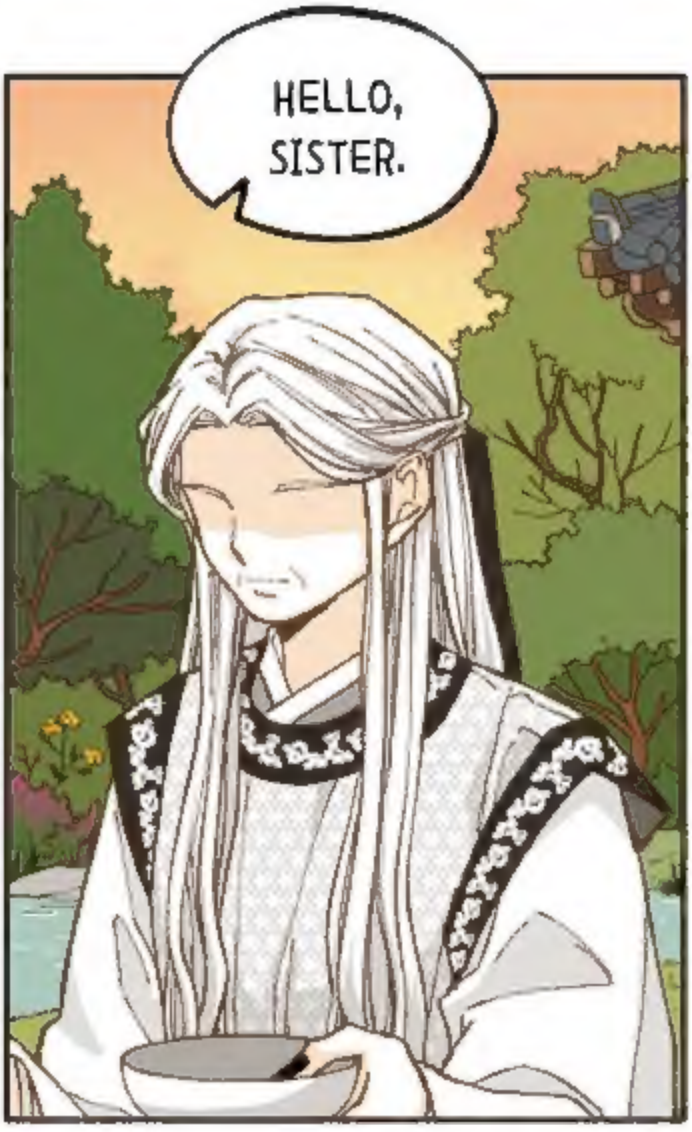
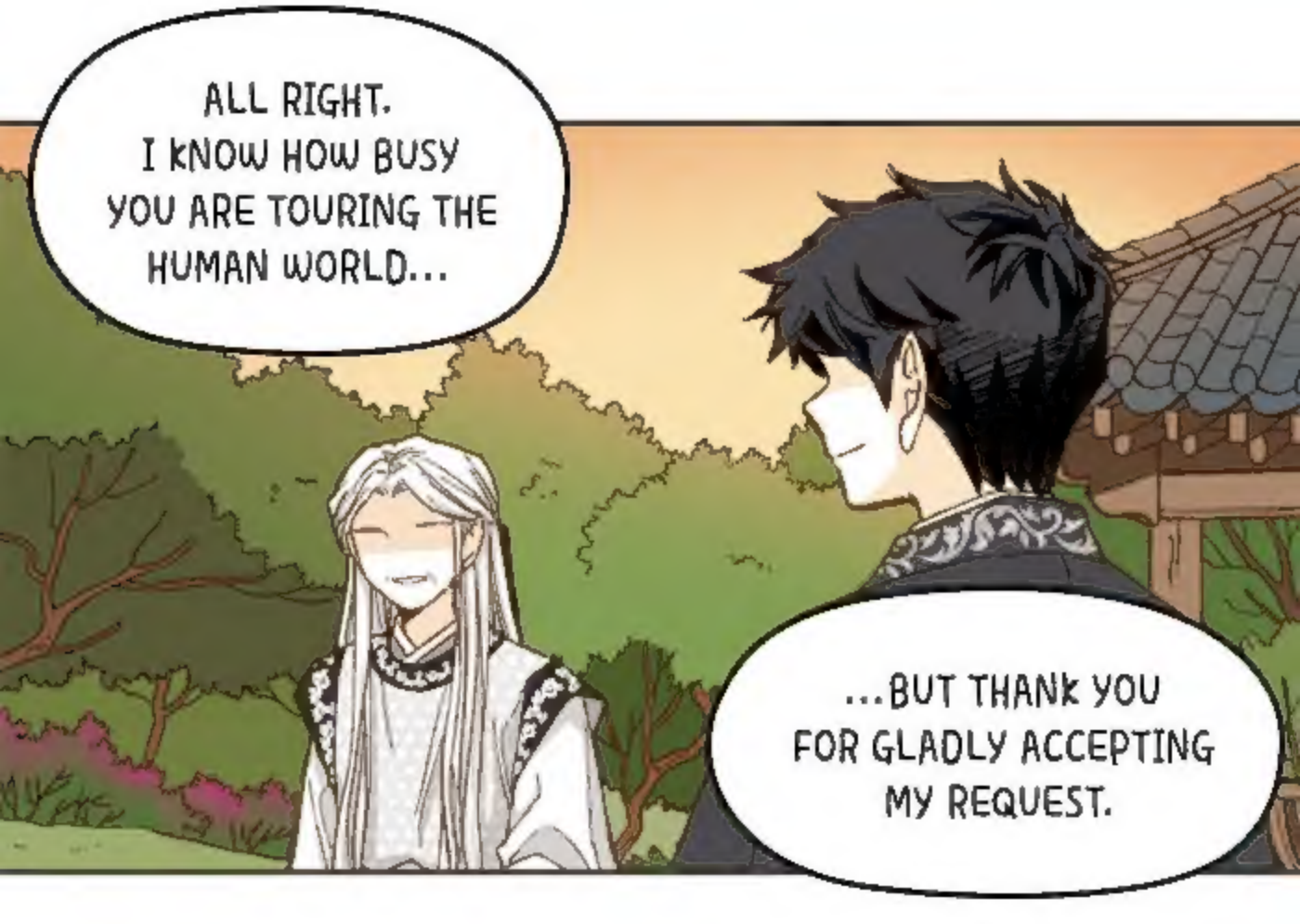

HELLO,
SISTER.

AH,
LITTLE BROTHER.
ARE YOU HEADING
DOWN NOW?
YES, I SHOULD.

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR TOO LONG.

YOUR APPEARANCE CHANGES EVERY TIME I SEE YOU.
SCRATCH
...I'M PLANNING ON KEEPING A LOW PROFILE ON THIS EXCURSION.


ALL RIGHT.
I KNOW HOW BUSY YOU ARE TOURING THE HUMAN WORLD...
...BUT THANK YOU FOR GLADLY ACCEPTING MY REQUEST.

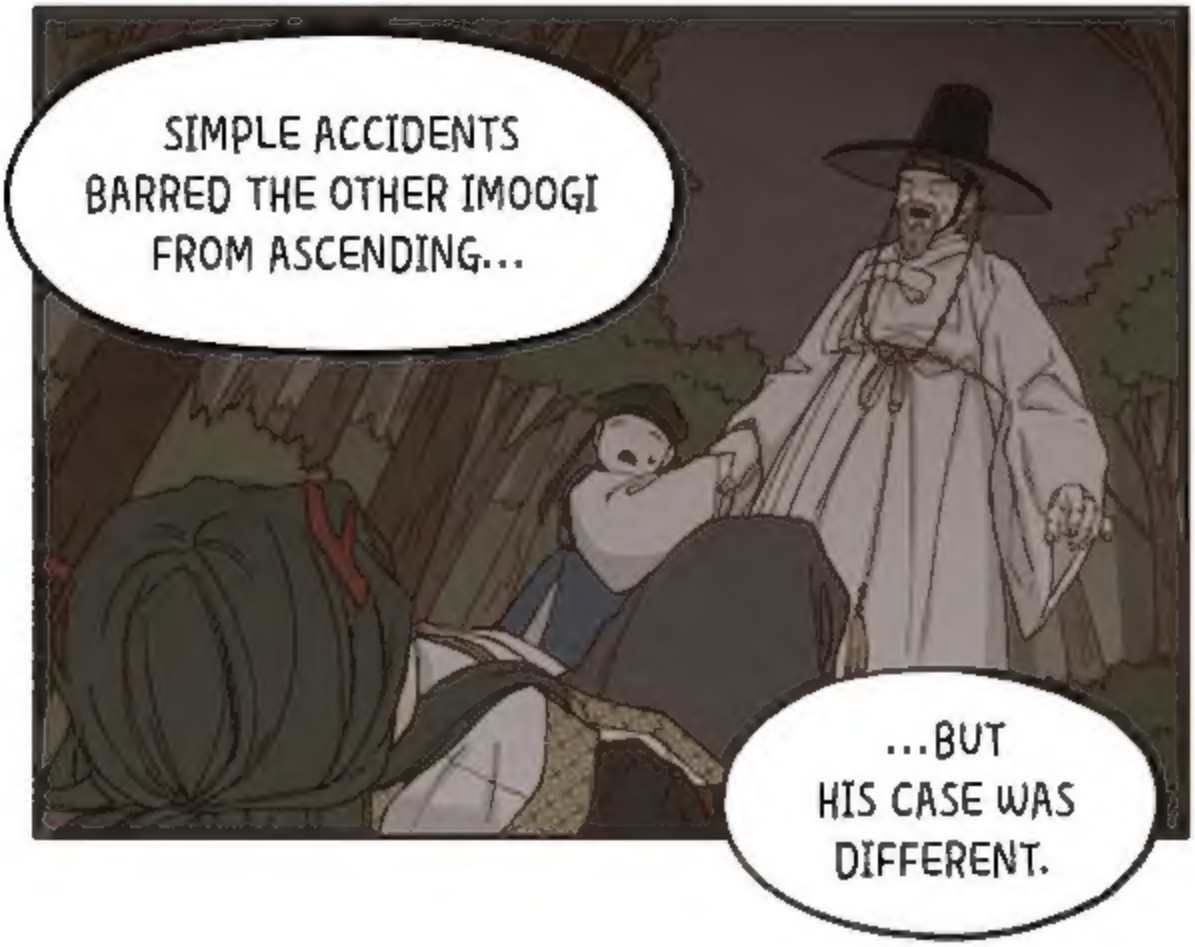
WELL,
I DO ENJOY THESE KINDS OF ACTIVITIES. BUT HOW DID

YOU MANAGE TO PERSUADE THE OTHERS?
IN THE END, THEY'RE ALL SIBLINGS OF MINE. THEY WERE RELUCTANT AT FIRST BUT EVENTUALLY GAVE IN.
HAHA...

THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE AS SOFT ON THE IMOOGI AS YOU.

SPOOKING THEM BY LOCKING THEM UP FOR A DAY OR TWO IN THAT JOKE OF A PRISON IS FAR FROM YOUR SIBLINGS' IDEA OF PUNISHMENT.
...
TRUST ME, THEY WON'T STOP THERE.

JOKE OF A PRISON, YOU SAY?
HAHA
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I DID WANT TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH HIM.
HE'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT, YOU UNDERSTAND.


SIMPLE ACCIDENTS BARRED THE OTHER IMOOGI FROM ASCENDING...
...BUT HIS CASE WAS DIFFERENT.

HIS FAILURE WAS ENTIRELY DUE TO A SINGLE HUMAN'S MALICE...

...AND HE LOST EVERYTHING.

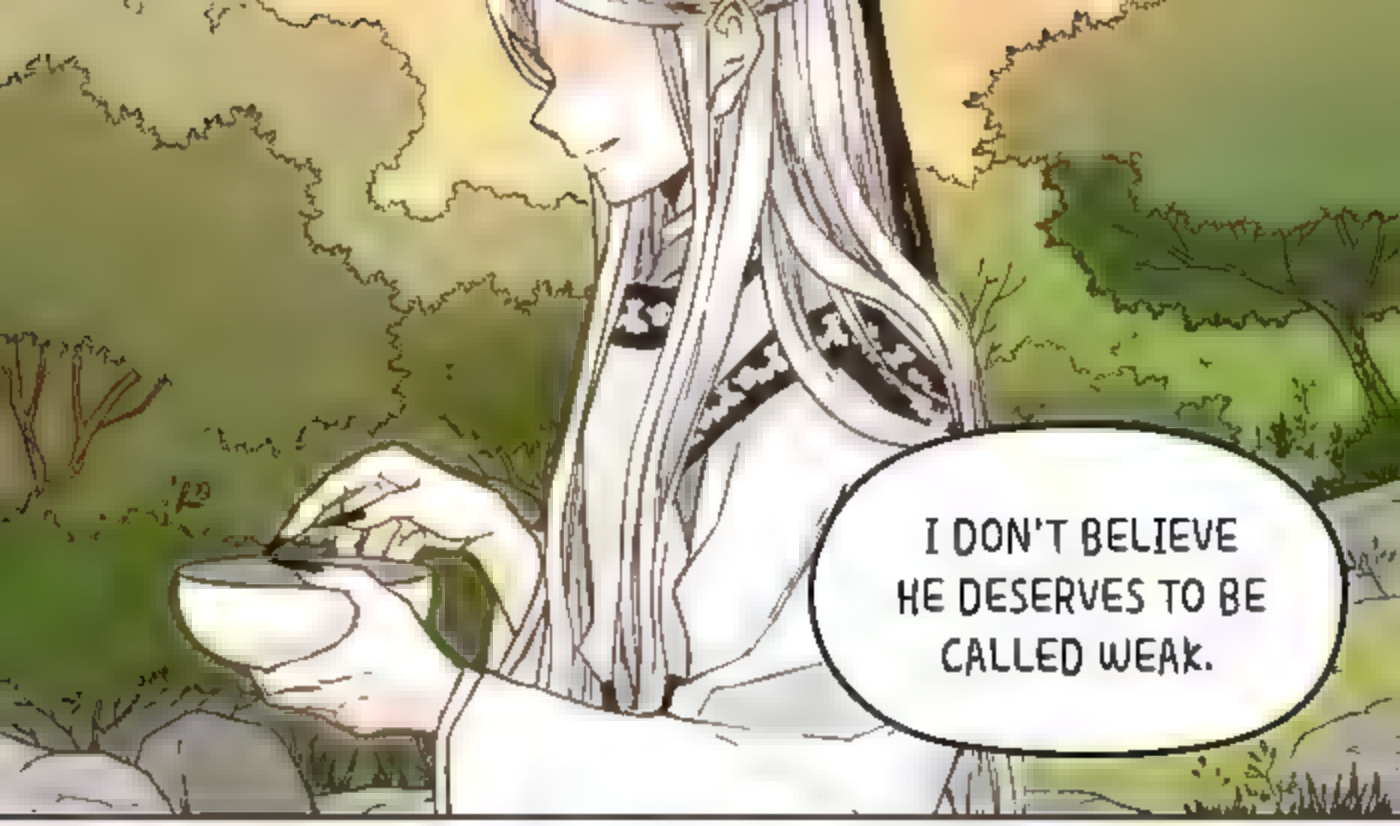
HOWEVER, HE GAVE HIS TRUST TO A HUMAN AGAIN...

...AND STUCK BY HIS SIDE ONCE MORE.

I'M FOND OF HIS NAIVETE, JUST AS YOU ARE.
BUT CAN SOMEONE SO WEAK BECOME AN EFFECTIVE RULER OF A RIVER?

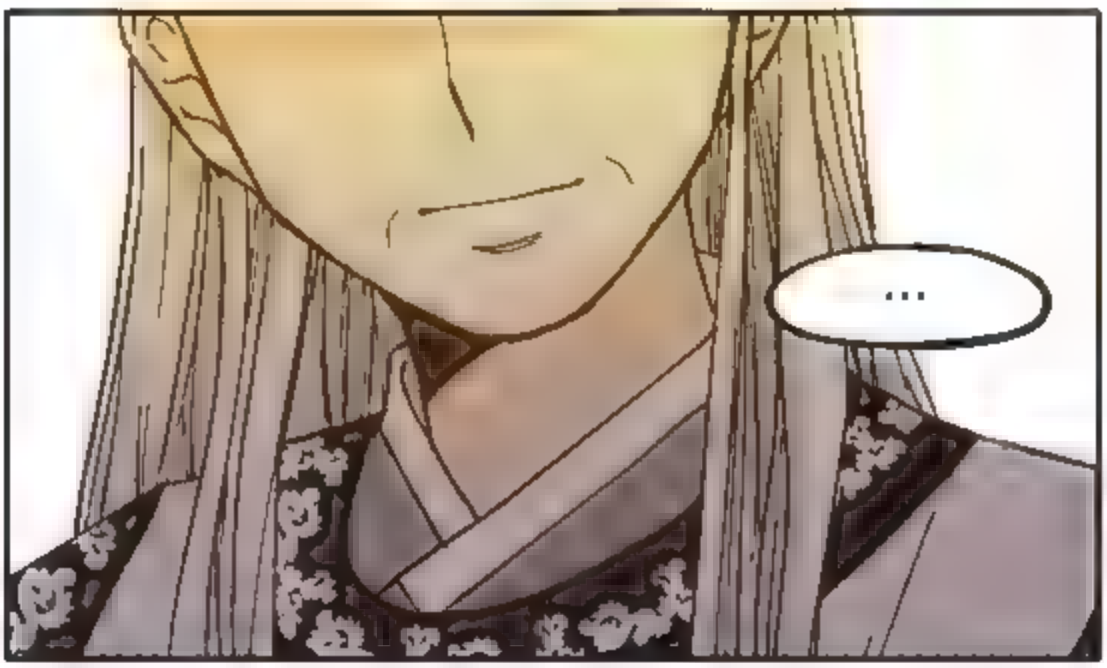
I'M NOT SURE I AGREE.

HE CERTAINLY IS TACTLESS AND CLUMSY...
...BUT HE DIDN'T GIVE UP HIS FAITH IN HUMANITY EVEN AFTER IN HUMANITY EVEN AFTER HE'D BEEN BETRAYED ONCE.


I DON'T BELIEVE HE DESERVES TO BE CALLED WEAK.

AT LEAST HE'S NOT AS BAD AS THE FIRST IMOOGI WHO CHOSE TO RENOUNCE DRAGONHOOD.
ANYWAY,

ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
WITH YOUR SIBLINGS DECIDING WHO BECOMES A DRAGON?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOUR FAVORITE WAS THE FIRST IMOOGI.



WHETHER
IT'S THE FIRST
OR THE LAST...

...EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM IS DEAR TO ME.

HOW TO BECOME

A DRAGON

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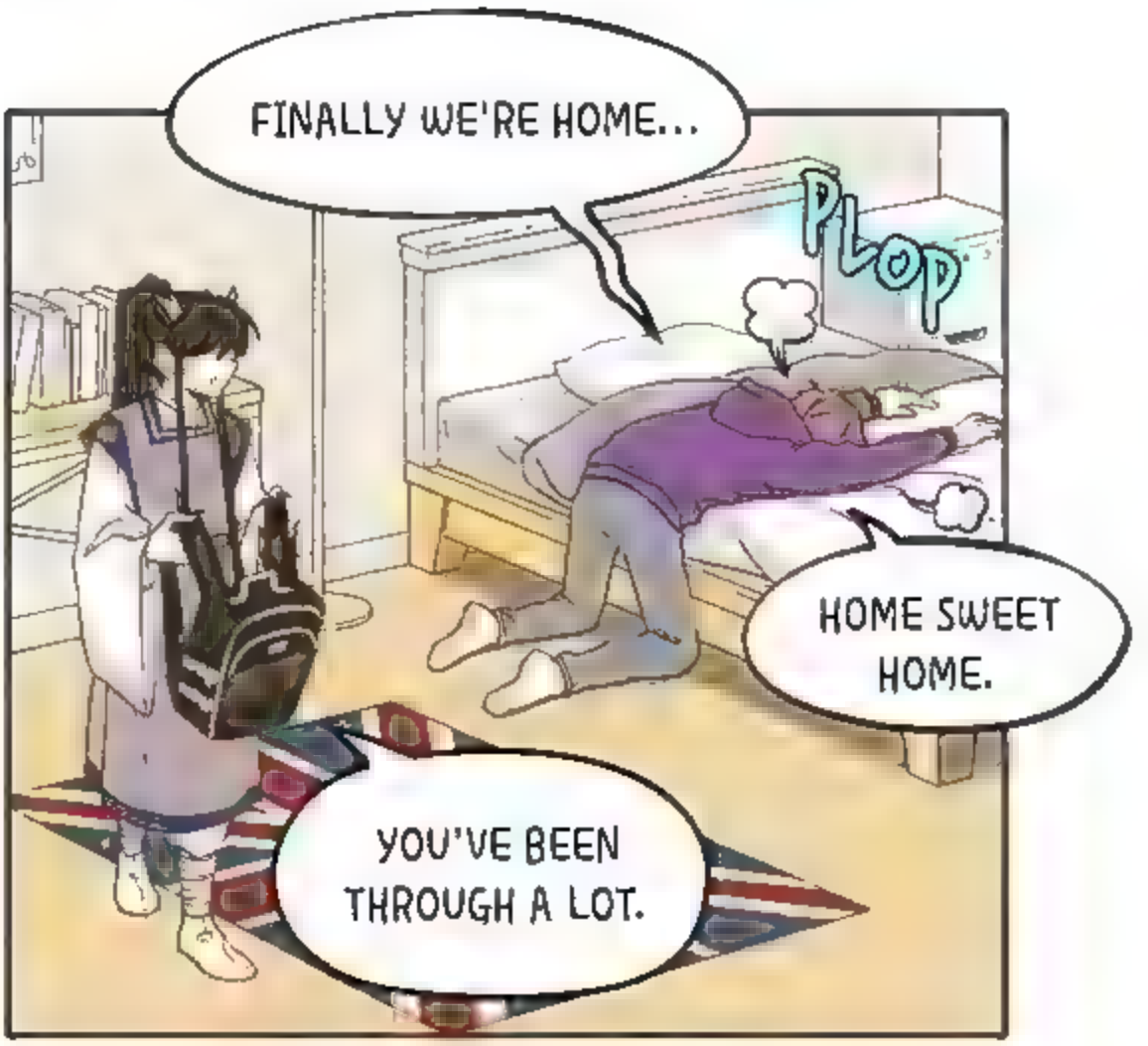
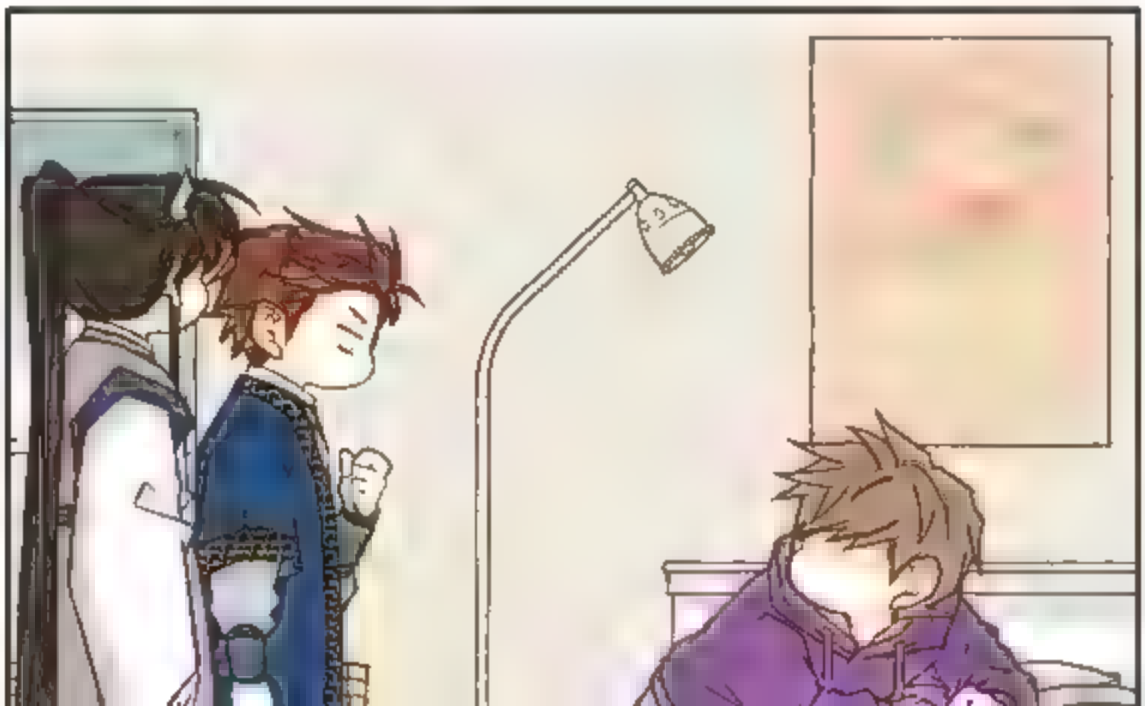
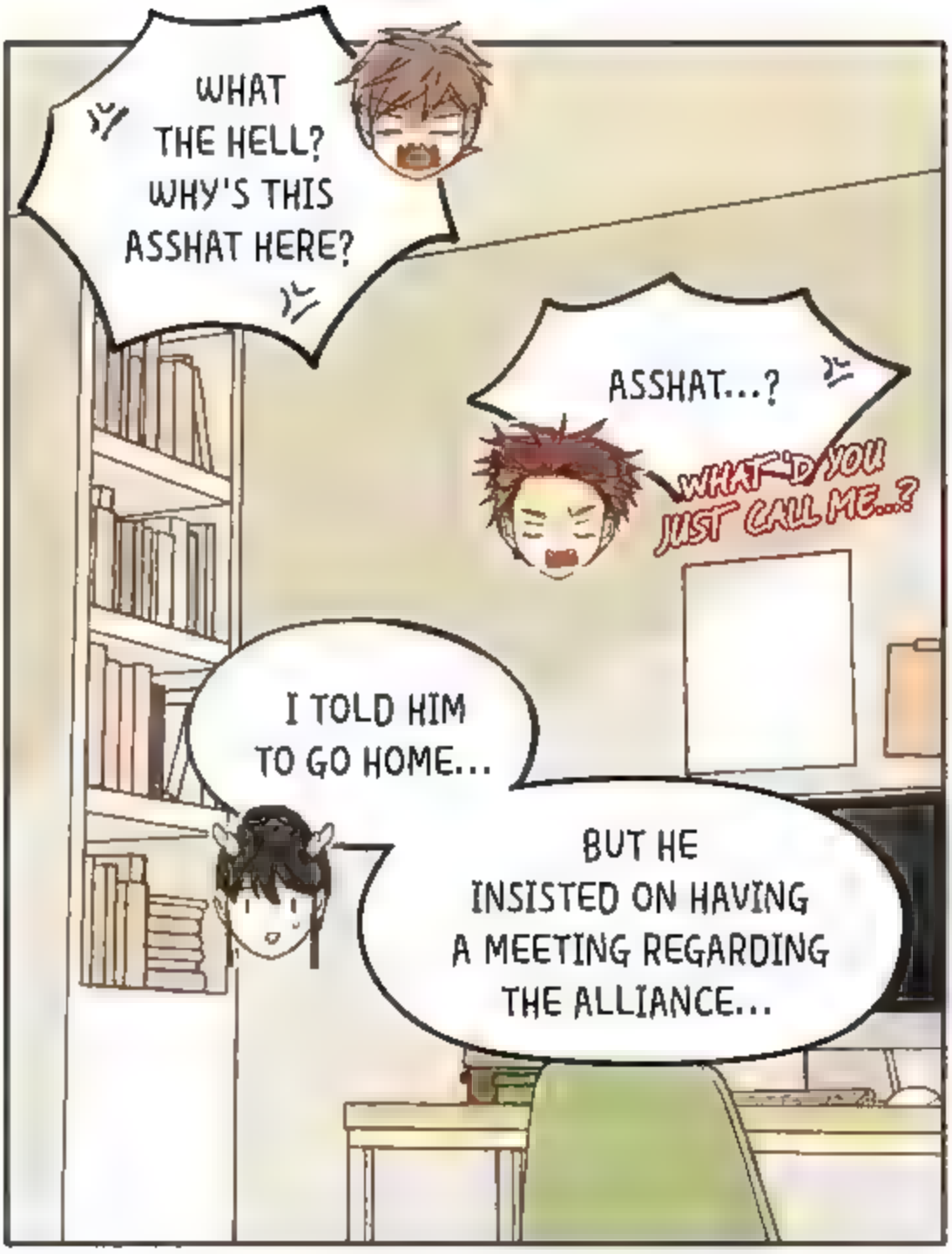
AHHHH...


FINALLY WE'RE HOME...
PLOP
HOME SWEET HOME.
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT.

LET'S GET SOME REST AND--
WHAT REST?
WE NEED TO LOCATE THE EXAM SITE!
BURST




WHAT THE HELL? WHY'S THIS ASSHAT HERE?
ASSHAT...?
WHAT-D'YOU JUST CALL ME...?
I TOLD HIM TO GO HOME...
BUT HE INSISTED ON HAVING A MEETING REGARDING THE ALLIANCE...

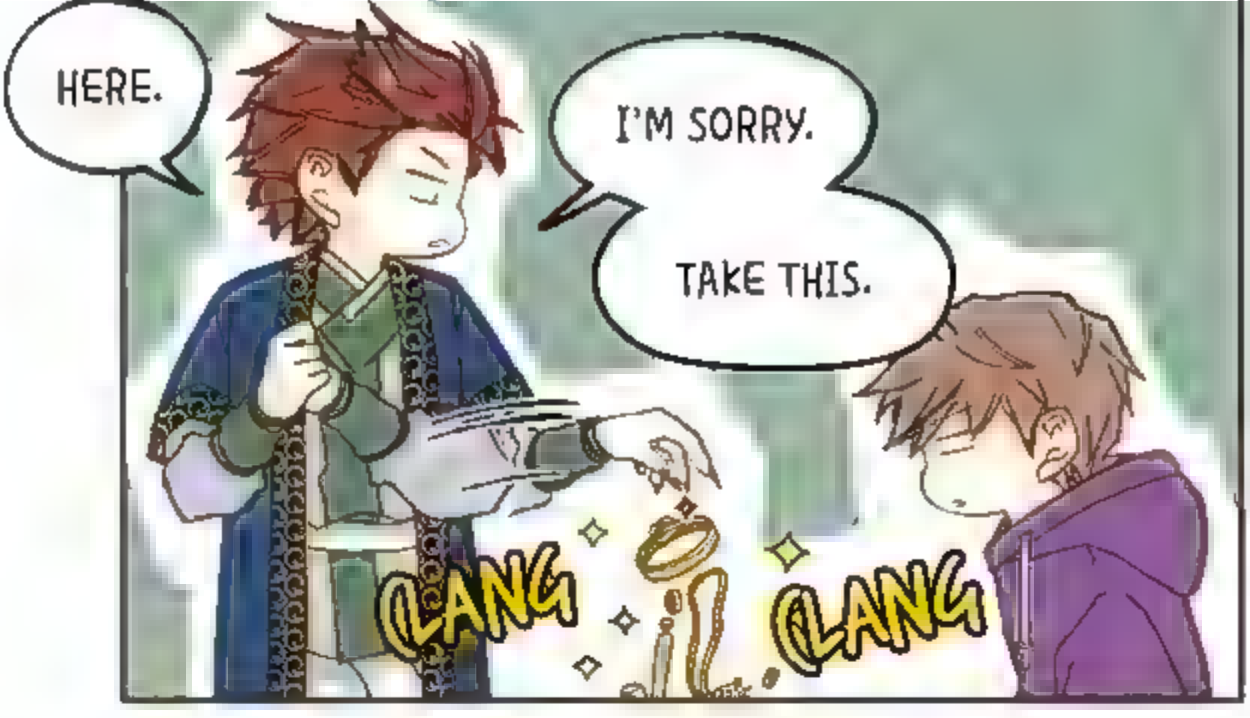
ALLIANCE, MY ASS!
SHOUT
YOU STABBED ME IN THE BACK! HOW DARE YOU EVEN TALK ABOUT THE ALLIANCE?!

YOU'RE

RIGHT!
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT!
NO SHAME
WOW...
HE'S A COMPLETE...
...NUTCASE...
YEAH MIRI, THAT WASN'T NICE!

ARE YOU GOING TO ACCEPT HIS APOLOGY?
WHISPER
ARE YOU INSANE?!
HE DOESN'T LOOK SORRY AT ALL!

WELL,
IF WORDS WON'T DO...
RUMMAGE


HERE.
I'M SORRY.
TAKE THIS.
CLANG
CLANG

WELL, THEY DO SAY WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER!
MM-HMM!
GRAB

WHOO-HOO!

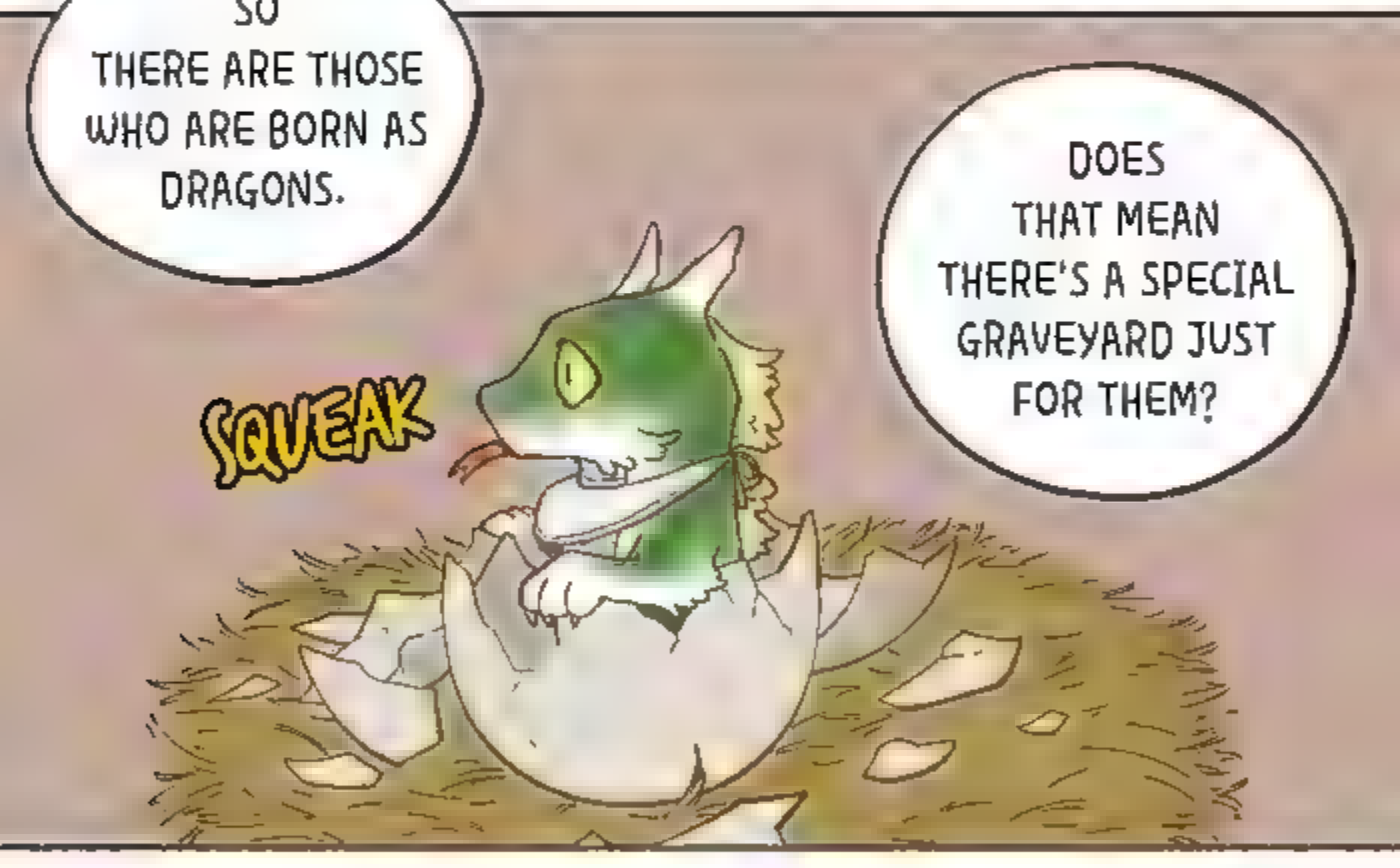
ALL RIGHT, LET'S PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER NOW.
WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE LARGE GRAVEYARD IS!

THE LARGEST GRAVEYARD...
WAIT, THE LARGEST?
HMM...
IF IT'S THE LARGEST, THEN THERE MUST BE MORE THAN ONE

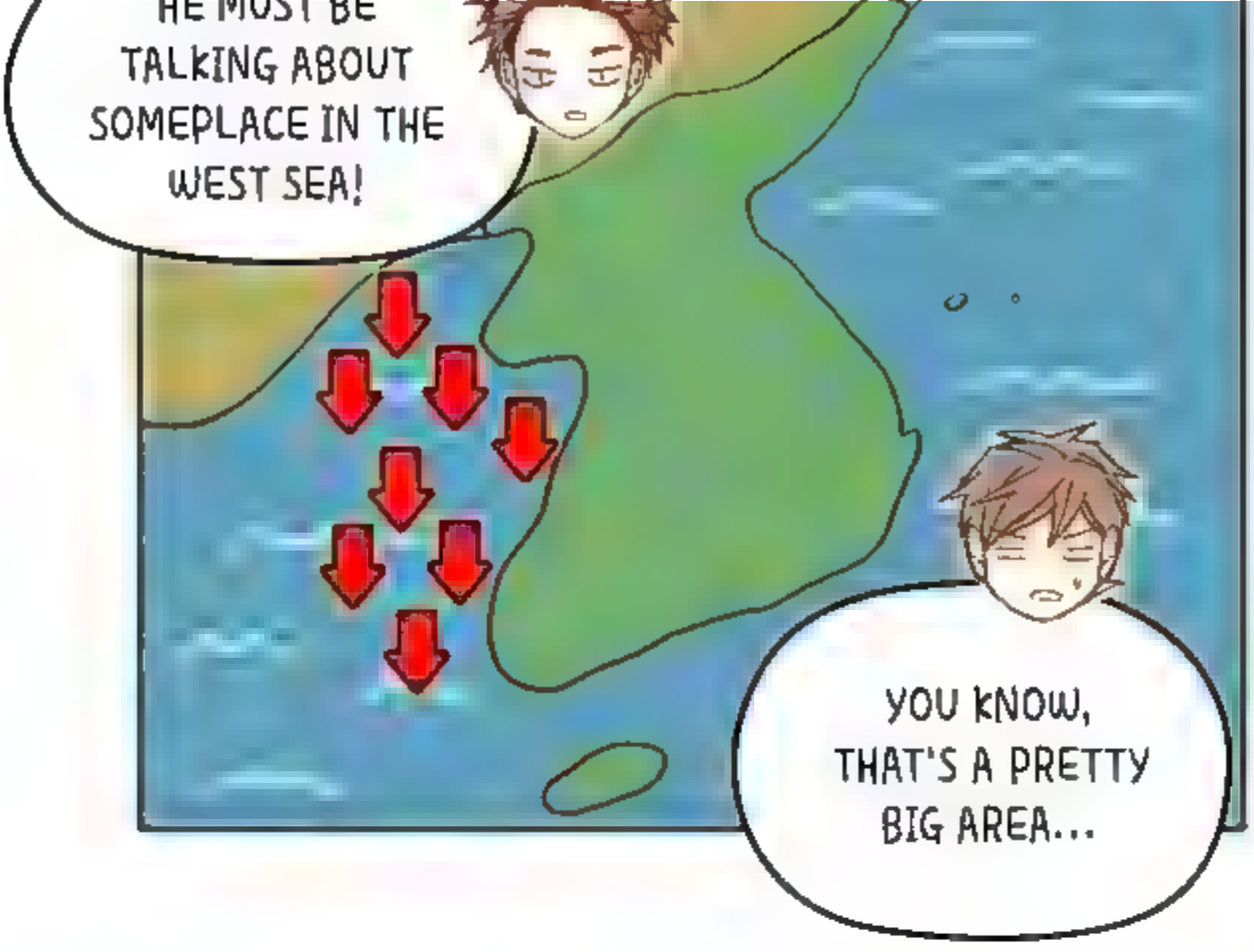
GRAVE, RIGHT?

SO THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE BORN AS DRAGONS.

DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S A SPECIAL GRAVEYARD JUST FOR THEM?



I HEARD THAT DRAGONS ARE IMMORTAL...
...BUT THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON DID PASS AWAY, SO MAYBE THAT ISN'T ALWAYS THE CASE.
BUT I NEVER HEARD ABOUT HIM GETTING BURIED ANYWHERE.
SINCE THE DRAGON KING OF THE WEST SEA IS THE EXAMINER,


HE MUST BE TALKING ABOUT SOMEPLACE IN THE WEST SEA!
YOU KNOW, THAT'S A PRETTY BIG AREA...

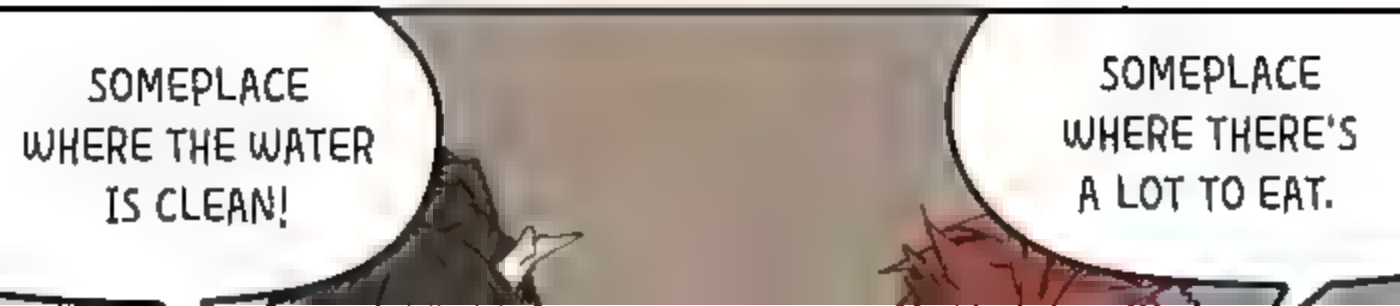
HE SAID "MY LARGEST GRAVE."

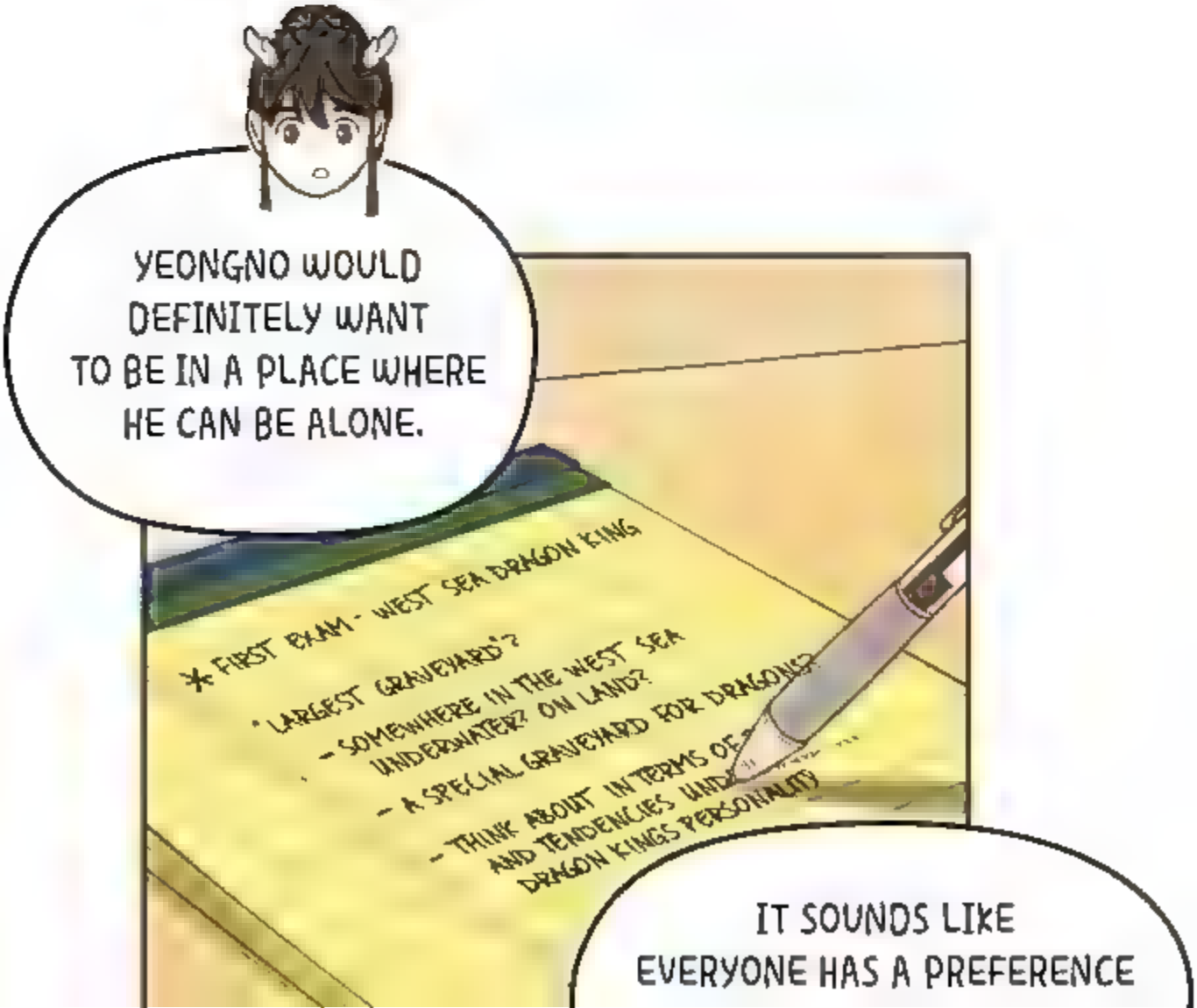
SO IT MIGHT NOT EVEN BE A GRAVEYARD FOR DRAGONS. MAYBE IT'S A SPOT HE PICKED OUT.

ARE YOU SAYING HE GOES AROUND CALLING DIBS ON POTENTIAL GRAVESITES?
SLAP
SLAP
AND HE WANTS US TO FIND THE BEST ONE?

THE BEST LOCATION?
GREAT VIEW OF THE HAN RIVER, JUST FIVE MINUTES AWAY FROM THE SUBWAY STATION...
BUT I'M SURE THAT'S NOT THE KINDA LOCATION HE'S TALKING ABOUT.
?
?

DO WE NEED TO CONSIDER FENG SHUI OR SOMETHING?
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
IF YOU WERE IN HIS SHOES, WHERE WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE?


SOMEPLACE WHERE THE WATER IS CLEAN!
SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE'S A LOT TO EAT.


YEONGNO WOULD DEFINITELY WANT TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE HE CAN BE ALONE.
* FIRST EXAM - WEST SEA DRAGON KING
* LARGEST GRAVEYARD?
- SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST SEA UNDERWATER? ON LAND?
- A SPECIAL GRAVEYARD FOR DRAGONS?
- THINK ABOUT IN TERMS OF
AND TENDENCIES UND
DRAGON KINGS PERSONALITY
IT SOUNDS LIKE EVERYONE HAS A PREFERENCE

BASED ON PERSONALITY AND TASTE.

IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING HIM IN PERSON.
ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE'S CHEONRYONG'S BROTHER.

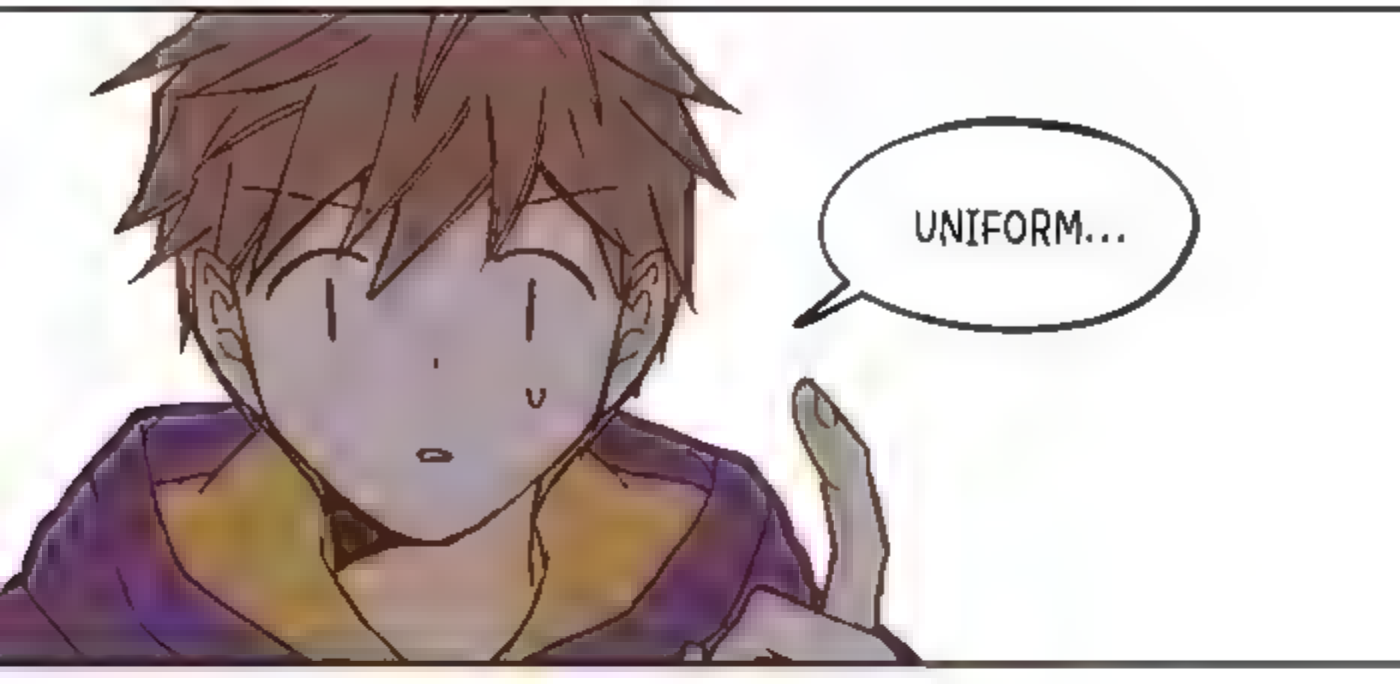
OH, THERE'S THIS TOO.
WHEN AN HONORABLE HUMAN

FALLS INTO THE SEA, HE SENDS THEM THEM BACK UP IN A LOTUS FLOWER.

OKAY, NO MORE ON THAT SUBJECT.

I'VE READ ABOUT DRAGON KINGS IN FAIRY TALES, BUT I DIDN'T THINK THAT'S WHAT HE'D LOOK LIKE.
GIVE ME YOUR LIVER*
I MEAN, DON'T THEY LOOK SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
WHY WAS HE WEARING A SCHOOL UNIFORM...?

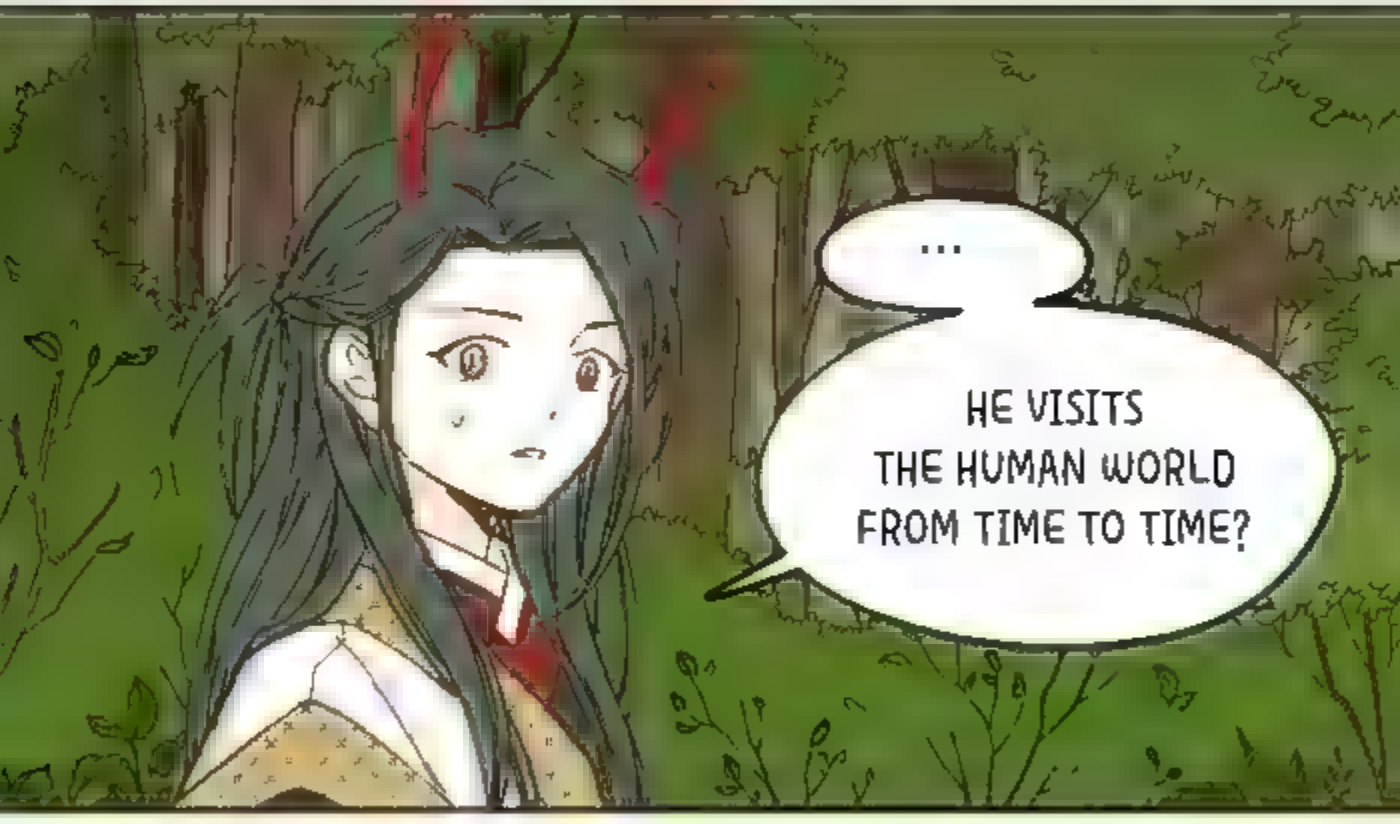
*REFERENCE TO THE KOREAN FOLK TALE "HARE'S LIVER"


UNIFORM...

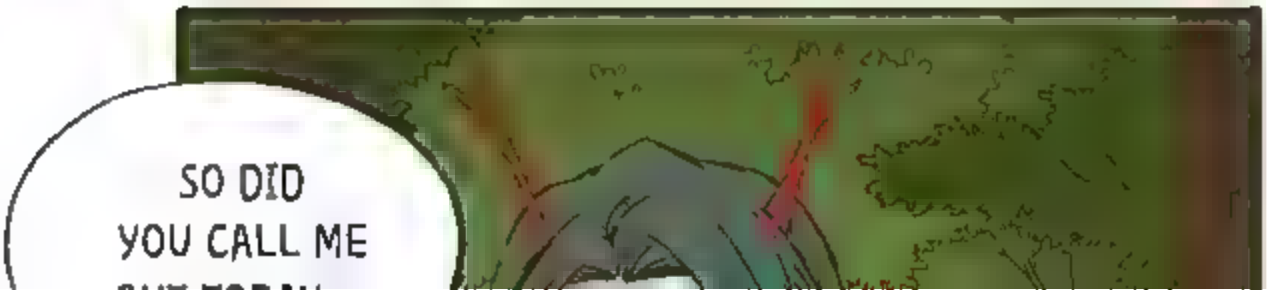
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU GUYS ARE DISGUISED AS HUMANS BUT WEAR TRADITIONAL OUTFITS.

SO WHY IS THE DRAGON KING WEARING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
MAYBE HE'S DISGUISING HIMSELF 100%, LIKE YEONGNO DOES.
THEN WHY'S HE WEARING THAT ROBE ON TOP?
EVEN HIS HAIR WAS SHORT, LIKE A STUDENT'S HAIRCUT, UNLIKE YOU GUYS.

WHAT IF...
HE'S PRETENDING TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SOMEWHERE?


...
HE VISITS
THE HUMAN WORLD
FROM TIME TO TIME?

YES.
WE IMOOGI CLUMSILY DISGUISE OURSELVES JUST TO GET BY.
BUT HE ACTUALLY ENJOYS BLENDING IN WITH THE HUMANS.


SO DID YOU CALL ME

OUT TODAY...
...TO TELL ME ABOUT THIS?
THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT I ALSO WANTED TO SPEAK TO YOU PRIVATELY.

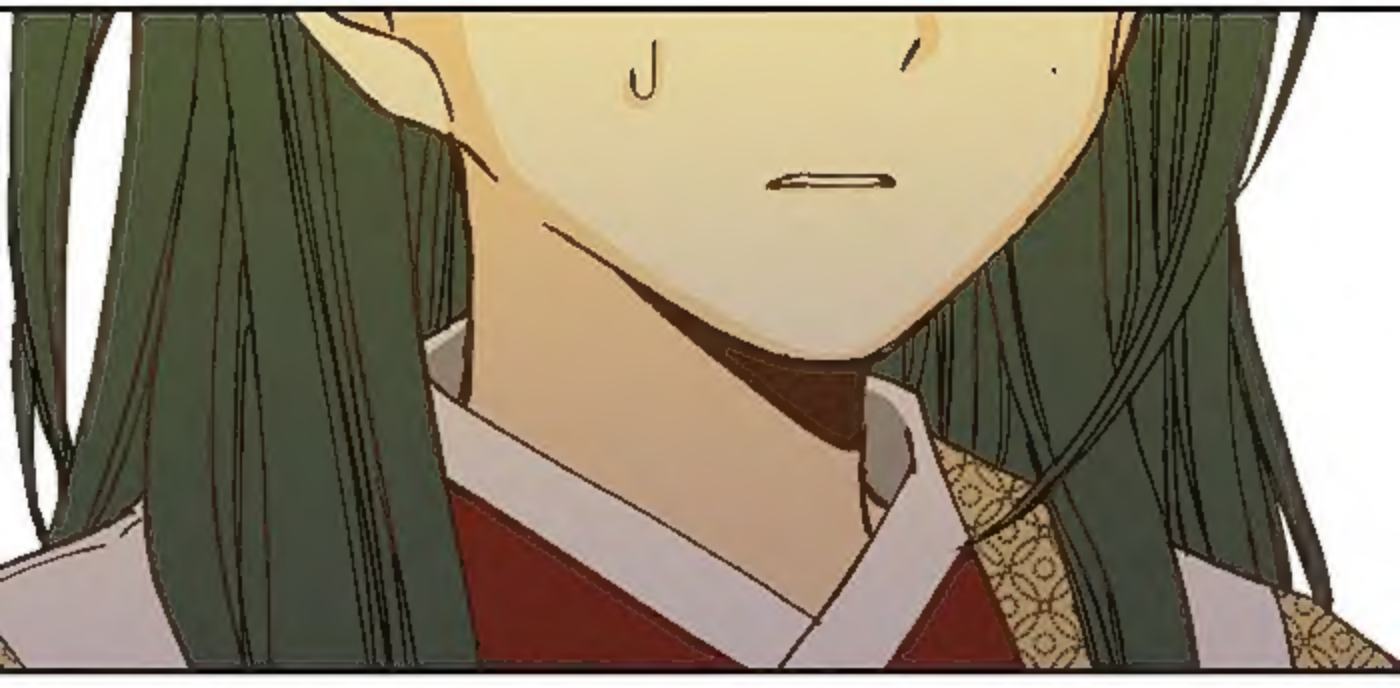
ABOUT WHAT...?
JUST BECAUSE I LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS...
...IT DOESN'T MEAN I'M UNAWARE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.

THE ASCENSION THAT WE ALL FAILED...
...WAS A TEST IN WHICH YOU CAN ONLY SUCCEED BY AVOIDING HUMANS.
BUT IRONICALLY,
YOUR SUCCESS ON THE NEW TEST DEPENDS ON YOU GETTING CLOSE

TO HUMANS.

KEEP THIS IN MIND.
WE MAY BE FORCED TO MINGLE WITH HUMANS RIGHT NOW...

...BUT YOU MUST NEVER...
...NEVER LET THEM INTO YOUR HEART.



...WHAT?